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TAGS: PEPR, BY
SUBJECT: UPRONA DISSOLVED

1. ON JANUARY 19 DECREE PUBLISHED IN ABP WHICH
DISCHARGED MEMBERS OF UPRONA OF THEIR FUNCTION
AND ABROGATED DECREES NOMINATING MEMBERS OF
BUREAU AND DIRECTOR OF PARTY.

2. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE HAD PICKED UP
RUMOR THAT BAGAZA WANTED TO REPLACE PARTY
DIRECTOR YANDA IN DECEMBER WITH MINJUSTICE
JEAN-BAPTISTE MANWANGARI. HE DID NOT DO SO
BECAUSE THERE WAS SPATE OF RUMORS AT THE TIME
THAT THERE WOULD BE SIMULTANEOUS COUP ATTEMPT BY
NORTHERN TUTSI AND KUTU INVASION FROM TANAZANIA
BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS, AND BAGAZA DID
NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD CREATE ANY
SENSE OF INSTABILITY OF GOVERNMENT.

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3. SHOULD MANWANGARI BE NAMED, FOLLOWING
BIO DATA MAY BE USEFUL TO DEPARTMENT.
MANWANGARI, ABOUT 28, RECEIVED LAW DEGREE FROM
UNIVERSITY OF BUJUMBURA IN 1974 (FIRST GRADUATING
CLASS). WE HAVE NO RECORD OF ANY EMPLOYMENT
PRIOR TO HIS BEING NAMED TO PRESENT JOB IN BAGAZA
GOVERNMENT. HE WAS MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

OF PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL MATTERS AND
RESTRUCTION OF MOVEMENT. AT LEAST FROM 1974
HE WAS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE DIRECTING COMMITTEE
OF STUDENT QUESTION (ESTUDIANTIANE) COMMISSION
OF THE STUDENT BRANCH OF UPRONA, THE JRR. SEE
77 BUJUMBURA A-23 FOR REPORT OF MANWANGARI'S
ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN MINANI-BUGEGUZA TRIAL.

4. COMMENT: REPORTEDLY, BAGAZA HAS LONG BEEN
TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE RADICALS IN THE DIRECTION
OF THE PARTY AND APPARENTLY HAS FINALLY FELT HIMSELF
STRONG ENOUGH
TO ACT. BEYOND THE OBVIOUS CONSIDERATION
THAT HE IS MOVING TO PUT PEOPLE LOYAL TO HIM PERSONALLY
IN PARTY LEADERSHIP WE HAVE NO SPECULATION ON WHAT
RAMIFICATIONS OF SHIFT WILL BE. IT MAY OR MAY NOT
MEAN A CHANGE IN EMPHASIS IN BURUNDI'S FOREIGN
POLICY.
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